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To: All County Medical Services Program (CMSP) County Welfare Directors

Subject: IMPACT OF THE SAWYER/TINOCO LAWSUITS ON CMSP

The purpose of this letter is to provide County Medical Services Program (CMSP) counties clarification on implementation of CMSP Letter 96-10 regarding the Sawyer/Tinoco Lawsuits.

In that letter counties were directed to "...implement the Medi-Cal procedures in CMSP cases when the above are implemented in the Medi-Cal program." The CMSP Governing Board Eligibility Committee has confirmed that in the CMSP, Temporary Workers' Compensation (TWC) and State Disability Income (SDI) should be treated as earned income in all CMSP cases where such income is present. Accordingly, counties should not attempt to limit this change in CMSP cases to the specific implementation guidelines issued by the Medi-Cal program.

This is the only copy your county will receive of this letter. Please copy and circulate to staff as necessary. If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Paulette Quam of my staff, at (916) 322-1613.

Sincerely,

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